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APPLICANT : Ding *et al.*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action of January 13, 2004, and is intended to address each and every issue that was raised in that Action. It is believed to be timely with respect to the period for response in that Action in view of the petition for an extension of time for three months and appropriate fee, which are enclosed herewith.

The undersigned is preparing a supplemental information disclosure statement, which is anticipated to be filed and will be provided directly to the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner await the receipt of the IDS before further examining the present claims. Once the IDS has been received, it is respectfully requested that the claims be re-examined in view of the remarks/arguments that are presented below and be found to be allowable. If this request will be a burden for the Examiner, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

**Amendments to the Specification** are listed on page 3.

There are no **Amendments to the claims**, but the **Listing of claims** begins on page 4 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings**.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.